



Patient Instructions

Faeces Collection for Culture (MCS)

Specimen containers (brown lid) for faecal collections are available from your nearest SydPath collection centre or your doctor.

COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Culture

A single fresh faecal specimen is required for faecal culture.

1. Pass faeces into a large, clean, plastic container (for example, a take-away container). Ensure that the specimen is not contaminated with urine.
2. Use the scoop attached to the under side of the lid of the specimen container to transfer a scoopful of faeces into the container. Screw the lid on firmly.
3. Label the specimen container with your full name, the date and the time of collection.
4. Dispose of the remaining faeces and the collection container.

As faeces for culture requires a fresh specimen, deliver the specimen with the request form to your nearest SydPath collection centre or your doctor's surgery as soon as possible after collection. Refrigerate the specimen if there is a delay between collection and delivery.

ENQUIRIES:

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